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GERMAN CRUISER BLOWN UP BY CREW IN HARBOR AT GUAM

Explosion Occurred As American Marines Were About to Board Her

OFFICER AND MAN DEAD FIVE OTHERS MISSING

She Was Interned Dec. 15, 1914—32 Officers and 321 of Crew Prisoners

Washington, April 7.—The German interned cruiser Cormorant has been blown up by its crew in the harbor of Guam, the navy department announced today.

The ship was destroyed by the Germans as the United States marines were going to seize the vessel.

Two German warrant officers and five German enlisted men were killed.

Twenty German officers, 12 warrant officers and 321 enlisted men of the vessel were taken prisoners.

The news reached the navy department this morning in a radio dispatch from the United States governor of Guam.

No other details than the above were given out immediately by the navy department.

It was said there would be a fuller dispatch later.

The Cormorant was a converted cruiser, active in the early days of the war in raiding allied commerce in the South Pacific.

A later statement by the navy department indicated that possibly one of the two warrant officers and four of the five enlisted men originally reported dead may have escaped.

One warrant officer and one enlisted man are now reported as known dead. One warrant officer and four enlisted men are listed as "missing."

The department also announced the taking over without incident the German interned ships Geier and Locksaw at Hawaii and the Odenwald of Porto Rico.

No resistance, it was stated, was made by the crews of these three ships.

Insulting the Flag Got Three In Jail

Seattle, Wash., April 7.—Three men are in the city jail because they started attacks on the American flag that they couldn't finish.

Adam Kainath, age 40, a German, and M. Basch, age 35, a Hungarian, were in the lobby of the Puget Sound last night when they saw a man with a small American flag pinned to his lapel.

They looked at him, then they looked at each other. "You're one of them," said "are you going to fight for that flag?"

They replied to Jules Christenson, a Belgian. "Yes," he replied and then sailed into the men who had cursed him.

The police, after hearing an explanation of the affair took the German and Hungarian to jail.

Joe Blim, age 35, an Austrian, landed in a cell next to his allies, after he cursed the flag while standing at Pioneer Square.

As he stood defaming the colors, Police Sergeant C. G. Carr and Patrolman Morris arrested him and took him to the police headquarters.

RUMORED RAIDERS ON ATLANTIC COAST

Rumored Raiders Are Seen Off Coast at Several Points

Washington, April 7.—The navy department learned today of a strange craft off Nantucket light.

The department would not give out the time the vessel was seen or from what sources the department received its information.

"Her nationality is not as yet known," it was officially stated.

That Germany may stage something spectacular against America within the next few days—such as a repetition of the U-53 visit—was the confident belief of some officials today.

The navy, however, can be said to be on the full lookout for just such moves.

Everything is being done to check up on Germany's moves. Lighthouses and light ships have been mobilized with the navy and reported to report any suspicious incidents along the coasts.

The Nantucket shoals light reported to the navy that a vessel had passed there headed westward.

The department explained that the report meant that the light keeper did not recognize

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RUMORED AUSTRIA HAS CUT AMERICA OFF VISITING LIST

Unofficial Report Says Ambassador Ordered to Demand Passports

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR LEAVES VIENNA SUNDAY

Austrian Representative at Washington Never Formally Recognized

London, April 7.—Austria apparently has broken relations with the United States.

That Foreign Minister Czernin had instructed Ambassador Tarnowski at Washington to demand his passports was reported from two sources here today.

A special agency dispatch from The Hague asserted it. So did dispatches received by the Paris newspaper, Le Matin, from its correspondent in Basle.

This latter said Austrian papers made formal announcement of Austria-Hungary's alignment with her ally, Germany, against America.

Information contained in dispatches from The Hague asserted that American Ambassador Penfield and his staff had been formally given passports and that the Netherlands government would probably represent the United States hereafter in Austria-Hungary.

It was also reported that the other members of the central powers alliance Turkey and Bulgaria, would shortly announce formal severance of relations with the United States.

Count Tarnowski has never been formally recognized as ambassador to the United States. He is now in Washington and has been there for a month or more cooling his heels and waiting for the United States to receive him formally as a diplomatic envoy.

In the meantime, although there was no official explanation, it was intimated that Tarnowski was not being formally accredited because America was waiting to see whether Austria approved Germany's unlimited submarineings.

Count Tarnowski succeeded Count Dumba, whose recall was asked by the United States because of his propaganda activities.

Frederick C. Penfield, American ambassador to Vienna, was supposed to have left the Austro-Hungarian capital yesterday. Several days ago the Viennese government formally announced that Penfield was leaving for a three months' vacation—this being the first intimation that he was ready to depart.

The American government has maintained a mysterious silence ever since about its ambassador or concerning relations with Austria-Hungary.

If the Basle and Hague reports are true, they appear to offer complete explanation for Penfield's mysterious departure and the reticence of Washington officials to discuss it.

No Official Information Washington, April 7.—The Austrian embassy told the United Press that officials knew nothing regarding the reported break in relations with the United States.

The state department also announced officials there "knew nothing about the report."

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WHEAT OUTLOOK BAD

Washington, April 7.—A forecast of a production of about 430,000,000 bushels of winter wheat, which compares with 481,744,000 bushels in 1916, was made today by the bureau of crop estimates.

The average condition of winter wheat was 63.10 per cent of normal, against 78.3-10 per cent on April 1, 1916.

There was a decrease in condition from December 1, 1916, to April 1, 1917, of 22.3-10 per cent, as compared with an average decline of about ten years of about four points between these same dates.

The average condition of rye on April 1 was 86 per cent of normal, against 87.8-10 on April 1, 1916.

TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

Buenos Aires, April 7.—Save for Brazil, and possibly Bolivia, dispatches today from South American capitals indicated all republics were preparing to announce their neutrality by specific proclamations.

Conferences were in progress in practically all South American capitals today.

George Mitro, editor of La Nacion, today cabled congratulations to President Wilson, explaining his purpose in part was to try to offset the coolness toward the United States exhibited by the Argentine government.

"PAY AS WE GO"

San Diego, Cal., April 7.—E. W. Scripps, millionaire newspaper publisher, today wired President Wilson as follows:

"I strongly urge that we should pay as we go in the war with income and inheritance taxes. All incomes of over one hundred thousand dollars a year should be conscripted.

The minimum cash pay of soldiers and sailors should be not less than three dollars per day during the war. Such legislation would cost me much more than half my present income."

A LOAN TO ALLIES

Washington, April 7.—The extension of a credit to the allies of over one billion dollars, and probably as much as five billion will be the first step of actual participation in the war under the plan to be suggested to congress by the president, it was learned today.

MAY FIX PRICES

Washington, April 7.—The possibility that the federal trade commission will be designated to fix war prices on food stuffs and all kinds of war supplies, developed today following the announcement that the commission had placed its services at the disposal of the National Defense council.

NO GERMANS APPLY.

Bismarck, N. D., April 7.—Not a German name appeared in the list of petitioners for naturalization papers who will be heard at the approaching term of the district court of Burleigh county in May. There is a large German population in this part of the state.

CUBA MAY ACT TODAY

New York, April 7.—The Cuban congress will convene at 2 o'clock this afternoon and is almost certain to pass a resolution declaring a state of war to exist between Cuba and Germany, the republic of Cuba news bureau announced this afternoon, following receipt of a delayed cable from President Menon's secretary.

SECRET SERVICE ROUND UP NUMBER GERMAN SUSPECTS

While Chase Is Hot No Alien Behaving Himself Will Be Disturbed

100,000 GERMAN SPIES SAID TO BE IN COUNTRY

Negroes In South Told They Can Marry White Women If They Rebel

Washington, April 7.—The government round-up of German plotters and all enemies of the republic is in full blast today.

With scores already arrested or being run down, countless other arrests will be made within the next few days.

The enormity of this plotters hunt can be imagined when it is remembered that the statement recently was made on the floor of the senate that 100,000 German spies had woven their intrigues in every section of the country.

While the chase is hot and will continue to me relentlessly carried on against any alien suspected of affording aid and comfort to the nation's enemies, officials again today repeated their declaration that "well behaving" aliens need have no apprehension that they will be molested.

Chief interest at this time centers on men who have long been trailed and card indexed because of their associations with the plotters ring established in various sections of the country by Captains Von Papen and Boyed.

While department of justice secret service agents work in deepest secrecy, refusing for obvious reasons to disclose even facts of arrests that have been made, it is taken for granted that another chief object in the hunt is to keep war time watch on the bounds of German reservists here who were unable to answer the call to the colors that sounded in 1914.

It is known positively today that it has been from these men—chiefly reservists of younger years—that Boyed and Von Papen drew material for their work of spying and intrigue against this government.

While it is known by officials that many of these men refused to do the bidding of Germany's spy masters in America, many did fall before the temptation of gold and promises of high reward in the event of war between the two countries.

Another nest of "plotters" was Germany's consular service in America. Such aliens as had close connection with the Kaiser's consular agents and who cannot satisfactorily explain those connections, are to be arrested at the first suspicious action.

Inciting Negroes. Jacksonville, Fla., April 7.—Carl Fink, alias Charles Fink, German, was arrested here late last night for alleged activity in inciting negroes to rebellion, was announced today.

Robert Hicks, negro, is also under arrest for delivering incendiary talks to white pupils of a school where he was employed as janitor.

Under examination, Hicks admitted German agents had held a meeting in his neighborhood. These agents, Hicks admitted, told the negro audience that if the United States won the war with Germany all negroes would be returned to slavery.

On the other hand, they were told that if the Germans were victorious negroes would be given equal rights, including the privilege of intermarriage with whites.

Militia Shoots Two. Trenton, N. J., April 7.—Two men were shot by militiamen here early today when they refused to obey orders of soldiers guarding Pennsylvania railroad property.

Frank McGrath, age 35, was shot in the abdomen while walking along the tow path near the Greenwood avenue bridge. Frank Henry, age 25, was shot through the jaw while prowling along the river bank near the railroad stone bridge. Both will live.

Railway Association Offers Full Services

Washington, April 7.—The United States will wage war with the unstinted and co-operative backing of the greatest transportation system in the world history.

The American Railway association—spokesman body for ninety seven per cent of the country's 230,000 miles of rail lines—has offered the war department its resources down to the last flat car, if necessary, to speed the assembling of the men-at-arms, present and prospective, it was announced today.

Furthermore, all plans for the most thorough active co-operation between officials and the department await but the word of the department.

With this word, transportation experts on the roads' payrolls will enter the war department, the various army departmental headquarters and mobilization centers and virtually take over the army's mobilization problems.

BRAZIL BEGINS TO PREPARE FOR WAR

German and Austrian Legations Under Guard, Excitement Is Intense

Rio De Janeiro, April 7.—The Brazilian government today requisitioned for government use the entire fleet of the Companhia Comercio y Navigation, together with all docks and appurtenances for purposes of national defense.

The German and Austrian legations were put under guard.

Public excitement is at a high pitch against Germany and apparently favors Brazil's alignment with the United States against Germany.

Fresh flames were added to this fire of indignation against Germany with additional details received from the captain of the steamer Parana concerning that vessel's destruction by a German submarine.

The commander declared there was no warning of any kind, and that the torpedo struck his vessel about midnight—presumably on Wednesday. The fourth engineer and two firemen were killed by the explosion and a majority of the Parana's crew were wounded.

Lifelines bearing the survivors were afloat 12 hours before a French destroyer picked them up.

So far the Brazilian government has remained silent on its course of action.

RIOTING IN MEXICAN CAPITAL IS DENIED

Communication Cut Off Two Days Resumed—Costa Rica Gets "Sassy"

Washington, April 7.—Communication re-established today between Mexico City and Washington, revealed no fighting in the Mexican capital and did not confirm the report that General Carranza had been imprisoned, it was stated at the state department.

Coupled with unofficial reports of fighting in Mexico City and the "rumor" that Carranza has been overthrown by General Obregon, the lack of communication was at least disturbing.

In Mexican quarters the rumor as to Carranza was branded as "impossible," although in the same breath the Mexicans confessed they did not know what the status in Mexico City was.

NATION AROUSED GIRDS ON ARMOR FOR COMING FRAY

Every Branch of Government Rushing Preparation at Top Speed

FIRST STEPS TAKEN TO RAISE \$3,500,000,000

Navy Takes Over All Wireless Plants—May Lend Allies Billion or More

Washington, April 7.—The powerful war machines of the United States are running full speed this afternoon—preparing to hurl unlimited men and money against Germany.

Congress is whipping into shape the rush war measures now before the committees so that there will be no delay in their passage when the senate and house meet Monday.

A war steering committee will be created for the purpose of seeing emergency legislation to committees that can handle them most expeditiously.

King George of England and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, officially recognized America's entrance in the great war by telegrams of congratulations to the president.

Representative Hulbert, New York, paved the way for efficiently organizing the aerial arm of the war machine by introducing a bill creating a department in aeronautics, giving its secretary a portfolio in the president's cabinet.

Teleton Mails Stopped. Mails to Germany were ordered stopped by Postmaster General Burleson, for the duration of the war.

Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey likewise ceased, as they must pass through the enemy's country.

Citizen military camps were ordered discontinued and will be replaced by training camps for America's expeditionary force to Europe.

The navy department completed seizure of all commercial wireless plants for war purposes and began the tremendous task of dismantling thousands of private radio stations throughout the country.

The president cabled a greeting to Russia announcing that "the United States arrays itself in opposition to the greatest enemy and menace to democracy."

Start Raising Funds. Secretary McAdoo took the first step toward raising \$3,500,000,000 asked—the first war financing fund.

Suggestion was made that the United States extend credit of from one to five billion dollars to the allies.

Secretary of War Baker, General Crowder and Major General Scott, chief of staff, conferred with the house military committee on the administration's bill for raising men to fight Germany.

Baker asked insertion of a provision in the staff bill for conscription of technically trained men to be used in the engineer and signal corps.

The Austrian situation, while intense, remained officially in status quo late this afternoon.

West Crop Light. Official crop estimates show that winter wheat this year will be fifty million bushels less than last year and 240,000,000 less than the year before.

The navy department was officially notified that the German cruiser Cormorant had been blown up by her crew in the harbor of Guam with the loss of at least one German officer and a seaman. One officer and four men are "missing."

The first house opposition to the general staff plan for raising five hundred thousand men by conscription developed when Representative Anthony, Kansas, announced he would introduce an amendment asking that the men be raised by the volunteer system.

Anthony told Secretary Baker thousands of Kansas, although willing to join a volunteer army, do not want to join a drafted army. The general staff plan, Anthony said, is cumbersome and would take months to be put into operation. Other members of the committee showed agreement with Anthony's views.

Government Has Taken Possession of Wireless

Washington, April 7.—Shortly after noon today the navy department completed the task of taking over all commercial wireless stations in the United States and its possessions.

In all 56 wireless stations heretofore used for commercial purposes are now under complete control of the United States navy.

The army wireless station, of course, still remains under control of the war department. The navy department is now engaging in closing and dismantling all private amateur stations throughout the country and its possessions.

THE WEATHER Oregon: Tonight and Sunday showers, cooler tonight southwest portion; southerly winds.

ABE MARTIN



Three kind of liver today

Th' ole time bride that used 't bring her husband a little dowry on th' side now has a daughter who'll need about ninety dollars' worth o' dental work done 't begin with. Nothin' turns a house upside down like a sick fat man.